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1. A regiment of barracked Volkspolizei has been established in the former factory building on the Wiesestrasse in Gera. The building was evacuated by the Soviets to make room for them.
2. A complex of new barracks has been erected on the autobahn between Langenberg and Gera. The whole area is closed off with barbed wire and watchtowers. Volkspolizei have been established here also, under an officer with the rank of inspector or colonel, a man from Weimar. There are three special units of 60 men each, equipped with mortars. A commando of the ready Volkspolizei from Löbau has been brought to the same place, 240 men strong, and equipped with 105 mm howitzers.
3. Each year 256 Volkspolizei are being trained in the Volkspolizei stenographers' school at Holzdorf near Weimar as Russian stenographers. They are also trained in geography and accounting. Each month 10 men are given special courses in tactics at the same place.

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